

Minutes of Meeting Held at Washington, D. C., 28 February 1956

SUMMARY

1 Major Problems Affecting

1. Major problems effecting the timely and successful completion of the Group's activities are as follows:

Item No. 2.56-1: Development of Operations Plan

Lt. Colonel Paul Herron (Hq SAC) will develop an operations plan to be presented at the next meeting (3 April 1956). This plan will be reviewed in draft form by the WSP0 prior to 31 March 1956. Since the maintenance and supply procedures are dependent upon the finalization of the operational plan, it is imperative that such a plan be developed without delay.

Item No. 2.56-2: Status of Procurement

Letter contract (SP-1914) was negotiated 8 February 1956, and is presently in process of being signed. A go-ahead of 29 articles similar to article 10 of contract SP 1913 has been authorized.

Item No. 2.56-3: Delivery Schedule

The aircraft delivery schedule is as follows:

1956							1957						
S	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
1	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	1

Item No. 2.56-4: Equipment Configurations ←

The equipment configurations for the 29 aircraft are as follows:

25X1D	14	photographic versions
	2	[REDACTED]
25X1D	4	Ferret versions
	3	Research (ARDC)
	6	[REDACTED]

SAC expressed a desire for two search and target radar equipment configurations. The WSP0 is investigating possibility and feasibility of adding this configuration to that presently authorized.

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Item No. 2.56-5: Procurement of Known Equipments

The Group concurred in a breakdown of equipments previously determined by SAC and the WSPO substantially as follows:

a. All the reconnaissance aircraft except the ferret configuration will be equipped with X and S band receiver-recorders (Sys-1) and the VHF receiver-recorder (Sys-3).

b. The four ferret aircraft will contain either the agency proposed System-4 or the DMQ-2 type equipment.

d. For the photographic capability, tentative distribution was made consisting of 3 A-1, 6 A-2, 3 B, and 3 C packages. The B configuration has flown only once. A possible readjustment of the A-2 and B equipments may occur, depending upon flight test results.

Prior to the next meeting, the WSPO, in conjunction with representatives from SAC, will visit the various contractors with a view to finalizing equipment configurations and early issuance of a procurement directive.

Item No. 2.56-6: Development of the Maintenance Concept

It was agreed that Colonel Walker, Hq SAC, will prepare a maintenance concept. This concept is expected to vary considerably from the agency concept in that the principal maintenance operations will be performed by A. F. personnel with only technical representation from equipment suppliers.

Item No. 2.56-7: Development of the Supply Concept

The week of 20 March 1956, the WSPO and Colonel Walker, Hq SAC, will meet with Colonel Shingler to discuss the supply procedures now in effect for the agency operation. In consonance with aircraft being based at Turner AFB, Ga., SAC desires that WRAMA be designated the prime depot and that all common items to be shipped under the priority code name for this program, with peculiar items of supply to be identified by contractor numbers, catalogued as such, and stockpiled either at WRAMA or Turner AFB. Development of the supply concept will be concurrent with that of the operational plan and will be presented at the next meeting.

Item 2.56-8: Assignment of Unclassified Code Name

Colonel Berg, Hq USAF, will determine if new code names and nick-names are to be established for this program; if so, these code names are to be designated prior to the next meeting.

Item No. 2.56-9: GFAE

A Form 610 from the contractor for installed GFAE was given to Major DeLonga, Hq USAF Supply, for review, pricing, and delivery of the items to the contractor. Major DeLonga was requested to act upon the 610 primarily due to the absence of Colonel Keeling, and a definite policy regarding these materials. Prior to the next meeting, however, a definite policy should be developed for the WSPO to process changes to the 610 and to establish our channels into AMC supply. A Hq USAF decision relating to the accountability requirements of this program is mandatory by the next meeting.

Item No. 2.56-10: Maintenance Training

Hq SAC will establish their maintenance training requirements to be coordinated with the contractor in order that the training program may commence in July. It was agreed that as early as practicable SAC would place additional pilot personnel at the site for pilot transition.

2. General Information:

Considerable discussion was held concerning the number of persons cleared into the program. The WSPO will submit to Colonel Berg in the near future its desire concerning clearing additional personnel at the AMC-ARDC working level.

The WSPO attended two days of conferences with the various suppliers at meetings conducted by the agency and at which time the WSPO was formally introduced to all the equipment suppliers. The suppliers were given a short briefing on our tentative course of action. The WSPO has scheduled meetings with a number of these buyers prior to the next meeting.

3. Conclusions:

The WSPO expects very positive action to be taken on all items of responsibility that are assigned and that responsible persons must be prepared to present complete resumes of actions accomplished by them in furtherance of the program.

Due to the extremely short lead time involved with this program, it is absolutely essential that all persons must vigorously pursue their action items in order that this program may be completed on a timely, and expeditious schedule.

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